

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:21pm. Selectmen present were David Dwyer, Betsy Coes and James McIlroy. Others present were Brian Hart and Carol Hall.

Carol updated the Board on the activities of the Friends of the Newfields Greenway and their efforts.

The Board discussed and reviewed the upcoming bond vote.

Discussion ensued regarding snowmobiling and reserving land for water exploration in the future.

Ownership structure was discussed. The Board stressed its desire to avoid real estate transfer tax. Brian said the town wouldn't be responsible for it. The Board wants to discuss pros and cons of owning land vs. holding easement with town counsel. Liability insurance would be held by RLP as it is on other properties. Brian and Carol asked the Board to consider whether town wants to own land or own easement.

Potential funding sources from DES were presented by Brian. Brian reviewed the grant application and process.

Brian and Carol will meet with DES on February 7, 2005 to discuss funding opportunities. The town will have to apply.

The Board will meet with Brian and Carol on February 17, 2005 at 6:00pm at the town hall.

The Selectmen signed a letter regarding mailbox damage.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:22pm and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy A. Coes, Selectman